



To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Petition of the Gentry, Citizens, and others Your Majesties Loyall Subjects of the County and Citie of York.

Most Gratiouſe Sovereign,

WEE Your Majesties faithfull Subjects and Petitioners, do in all humility acknowledge Your Majesties abundant Grace in calling this present Parliament, to consult with, and advise Your Majestic touching the redresse of the oppreſſions, and other grievances of Your Subjects, both in the Church, and Civill State of this Your Kingdom of *England*: And we do with like humble thankfulness, acknowledge Your Majesties forwardnesse and Fatherly care to relieve them, declared by sundry most just and excellent Laws already enacted, for the re-estating of Your Subjects in their antient Rights and Priviledges, and for taking away part of those Pressures that lay upon them. And amongst the rest, We have more particular cause to be thankfull for Your Majesties Gratiouſe care, in part securing this County, by putting a Garrison into *Hull*, commanded by such Persons, in whom we have just cause to confide: Which Princeley proceedings of Your Majestie hath infuſed a ſtrong confidence into Your Petitioners, That Your Majestie inclined to eafe your Subjects in all whatſoever grievances; Whereof they have complained to Your Majestie in Parliament, as well touching Reformation of Church Government, and Ceremonies in Religion, as touching the Civill Government, and Administration of Justice: Yet ſo it is most Gratiouſe Sovereign, That now of late the Rights, and Liberties of Parliament, being the Representative body of the whole Kingdom, And the Rights and Liberties of every Subject involved thereia, have been in a most dangerous and unusuall manner invaded and violated: Whereof we, with the rest of Your Majesties Loyall Subjects (to our unſpeakable grief) are moſt ſenſeable: And to enlarge the cause of our forrows, We do now understand that Your Majestie hath withdrawn Your Royall Preſence, from Your Great Councell, who wanting the comfort of it, are not able to proceed with ſuch effect, as is requisite in thoſe great Affairs of Church and State, that are daily preſented to them; Which Characters of diſpleaſure, we humbly preſume, have been engraven in Your Majesties moſt gratiouſe diſpoſition, by the ſubtile work and Councell of thoſe diſaffected persons, who ſudy nothing more, then to beget diſferences and jealousies between Your Majestie, and Your moſt Loyall Subjects of the reformed Religion, with intention to hinder and diſturb the perfect Reformation in matters of Religion, and ſending over Succours to Your diſtressed Protestant Subjects in *Ireland*, where the Papists do moſt inhuinanely diſtroy all that will not renounce the reformed Religion, and embrace Popery.

YOUR Majesties Petitioners therefore moſt humbly pray, That Your Majestie will be pleased henceforward to ſhut Your Sacred Ears againſt ſuch malignant Councells, And in all affairs to repoſe Your confidence wholly upon the Wifedome and fidelity of Your Great Councell now assembled in Parliament, and by their advice to ſettle and diſpoſe ſuch places of truſt, as may conduce to the ſafety of Your Majesties Dominions; not doubtiug but their care will equally tender Your Majesties Honour with the publike Interets and welfare of Your Kingdomes. And that thoſe Members of Parliament lately accused of Treafon may have a fair and ſpeedy tryall, according to the Priviledge of the Houſe, that ſo they may either receive condigne punishment, if they have offendēd, or being acquire, may cheerfully attend thoſe weighty affairs, appertaining to their charge. And laſtly, That Your Majestie will not hereafter ſuffer to be enterprised any thing tending to the Violation or breach of Priviledges of Parliament.

And Your Petitioners shall pray for Your Majesties long and proþerous Reign, &c.

This is the perfect Copy which was presented to His Majestic this instant
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